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PROPOSED SPECIAL FEES ON CARS AND PEDESTRIANS CROSSING UNITED STATES BORDERS

(Mr. LAFALCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I can think of no proposal more objectionable to the people of western New York, no proposal more potentially harmful to the economy of western New York than the administration's budget proposal to initiate a \$3 special fee on any vehicle entering the United States from Canada or Mexico, and \$1.50 on any pedestrian coming into the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the whole purpose of the free-trade agreement between the United States and Canada was to facilitate the flow of people and products.

This runs contrary to that concept. The whole purpose of the free-trade agreement between the United States and Canada was to reduce and then eliminate all tariffs on products coming back and forth between our countries.

Now, the administration wants to impose a fee on people and their cars.

This cannot stand.

MY MISSION

(Mr. DORNAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago, in College Station, TX—PHIL GRAMM country—I pinned on Air Force wings of silver. Forty years is a long time. When my dad was in his eighties, he said, "Son, your whole life will seem like 3 weeks when you get to my age."

I have reflected back over my life, and as awed and as humbled as I was by being elected to this great deliberative body in the bicentennial year, it was not the greatest event of my life. Those events are marriage, 5 children, 9 grandchildren. I proposed to my wife 40 years ago tomorrow night, after driving all night to get to California.

But the greatest event in my public life was these wings. Imagine serving with men, every one of them like JOHN GLENN, JOHN MCCAIN, PETE PETERSON, "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM, our own "Gary Cooper," SAM JOHNSON. I owe it to those men to go into the melee next week and explore things in Iowa and New Hampshire and at least South Carolina. Only God knows the outcome. But I am ready for what may be the toughest mission of my life. I do not know how far I will go, but I am going to give it a try.

A HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I know that to many Members of Congress, another 90 cents is nothing more than pocket change.

But to Americans making minimum wage it is not pocket change—it is real change.

A change from worrying about paying the rent, or food, or buying new shoes for their kids.

A change to a life with some economic security.

It amazes me that our opponents say "yes" to a book deal that is worth more than four and a quarter million, but "no" to anything over four and a quarter an hour for the people who will print, pack, ship, and sell that very book.

Well, I want to speak to everyone earning \$4.25 today. If your wage is not \$5.15 an hour when that book hits the shelves, I say, "don't buy it." Because I think our Speaker should read a book about the hopes and dreams of America's working families rather than the other way around.

So I say to our opponents—you defend your millions and we Democrats will defend ours. Your millions, of course, are the millions of dollars earned on a book, and our millions are the millions of Americans trying to earn a decent livable wage.

OLD SOLUTIONS TO NEW PROBLEMS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, as Republicans worked to pass an unfunded mandate reform bill last week, President Clinton worked to pass another unfunded mandate on our private sector.

Maybe I missed something, but I thought the election of last November was about change. So far this year, the only thing the Democrats have wanted to change is the subject.

From the balanced budget amendment to the line-item veto, the liberal Democrats have consistently supported the status quo. With the President's minimum wage proposal, they have reached back again to the past for an issue they hope will help them in the polls.

But the American people are no longer satisfied with old solutions to new problems. They do not want bigger government and bigger mandates. They want a more effective and more efficient federal Government.

I challenge the President to join Republicans in changing the way Government works. Let us work together to

ease the regulatory burden on our small business. We worked together to pass a line-item veto. Mr. Speaker, I urge the President to stop changing the subject and work with Republicans in changing the Government.

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NAFTA, 1 YEAR LATER

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, NAFTA, 1 year later. Thirty-six thousand Americans have filed claims with the Labor Department. They lost their jobs due to NAFTA. That is right, and the list goes on. Woolrich up in Pennsylvania and Colorado, they laid off 450 workers, moved to Mexico, hired workers at \$1 an hour. You have Magnatech in Indiana and Michigan. They moved to Mexico.

Tell me, Congress, how can American workers survive when American companies can move to Mexico, hire people at \$1 an hour, have no IRS or EPA or OSHA to pay them a visit? Is it any wonder the American worker is fed up with Congress? A Congress that will take care of Russia, but forget about Rhode Island? A Congress that will take care of Kuwait, but forget about Kentucky? A Congress that will worry about Mexico and forget about Mississippi and Massachusetts?

Is it any wonder, Congress? Think about the American worker for a change.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the President's budget is a microcosm of his entire administration: too little, too late.

Sure, he has some spending cuts. But those cuts are not enough to satisfy the American people, or get the job done.

He may have sprinkled in a few tax cuts, but they are far too late for the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, the President's budget may not be dead on arrival, but it is on a respirator.

Republicans will take up many of the President's cuts, while adding billions more. And we will look carefully at his other proposals. But clearly, the President has not gotten the message of the last election.

We need a fundamental change in the Federal Government, not just tinkering around the edges.

With his budget, the President has offered only a modified status quo. For many of us that simply is not good enough.